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INTEREST IN MINING CIRCLES BECOMING LIVELIER EVERY DAY.

Everything Now Indicates the Recognition of Old Crittenden as the Richest Fluor Spar, Lead and Zinc District in the World and soon to More than Double All former Outputs.

The Editor of this paper has been taken to task quite frequently of late, because of a lack of mining news in these columns. Now Mr. Editor has said nothing to the writer of these notes about it, nor made any complaint: but we think we understand his side of the case. All questions have two sides you know.

The most an Editor can do when he is rapped on, is to look pleasant. Editors come nearer really carrying out certain famous scriptural injunction than any other class of mortals. They have to. No other course is open. The scriptural injunction referred to is turning the second cheek when smitten on the first. If Editors would always bristle up and take notice to everything their lives would be one whirlwind battle from the editorial sanctum to the grave. Therefore we remark that the lack of mining news in these columns is the fault of mining men and those interested in this mining district. Instead of giving the news to the paper the rule has been to hide it from the Editor and he is generally the last man to find out about a new mineral strike, an unusual production of some mine or any other news that would be of interest. If the mine workers, mineral men and all those interested in this mining field will write Mr. Calmes, telephone Mr. Calmes, coat sleeve Mr. Calmes and give him the news he will print and be glad to do so. It is too much to expect him to go forth armed with a pistol to hold up and a crow bar to open the mouths of those who have news to give. If each one who has the betterment of this district at heart will co-operate in these matters things will look better and be better.

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A certain prominent mineral man who has been interested in this district for a number of years and who comes as near knowing all about fluor spar mining as it is possible for one man to know said today. "One year ago I had 10,000 tons of spar and could not sell it at any old price while now if I had 10,000 tons of any old kind of spar I could sell it in 10 days at my price." This is a straw which shows which way the spar winds do blow. The price of spar is like bakers yeast, it tends upward.

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Mr. Edward F. W. Keiser a Louisville lawyer who has other Louisville capitalists interested with him will start prospecting work on the Crittenden Springs property inside of 30 days. It will be remembered that this is the Company that bought outright the mineral rights on the old Crittenden Springs property from Mr. John W. Wilson for the sum of \$5,000.00 cash. The Columbia vein crosses this property. Spar and zinc carbonate have been found. Mr. Wilson still owns the farm and by the way it is one of the best farms in this country.

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This paper was taken to task

about the article appearing last week in that nothing was mentioned therein about the Commodore Mining Company. The remarks appearing at the head of this column are pertinent here. We have to know about things before we can write about them. I understand that is not always the rule; but in mineral matters in the RECORD-PRESS it is the rule. We would rather be right than President of a Mining Company, and of course some sap head will say that we will never be either.

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The Commodore Mining Company is now operating one of the greatest spar mines in this district. It is claimed by good judges that they have more ore in sight, that is blocked out underground, than any other mine in the district. A strong optimism coupled with push, energy and money has carried this mine on until the cash money returns are now coming back into the pockets of the owners. They certainly deserve commendation. The Commodore Mining Company have 400 tons number one gravel spar in Marion on the railroad yard ready for shipment. This Company is now mining from 20 to 35 tons of spar daily. Their mine is equipped with the very latest machinery some of which is an innovation to the district. Their washing apparatus is different from any other. They use shaker screens and from the spar is fed onto a hand picking belt three feet wide which is the only one we know of anywhere. They have sunk to a depth of 100 feet and are still going down. The spar at the bottom is better than any above and the vein is 8 to 25 feet in width. From three to seven wagons are in daily use hauling the ore to the railroad. The Company is owned by Louisville Capitalists. They first started on the J. C. B. McMican land. This property is not operated now. Those in the Company at this time are Mr. Edward F. W. Keiser, Theo. Keiser, Leo. Klerer, Fred Lenhardt, and Henry A. J. Pulus. The mine is under the direct management of Mr. J. B. White a practical mining engineer. Mr. J. W. Wilson of this place is traffic manager and attends to the office work in Marion.

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Rumor. It is rumored, mind you merely rumored, that the old Lucile property located on the railroad here in Marion, which produces a good grade of spar, is being opened up right away and put on a working basis. The Harth Bros., of Caseyville and Paducah are the main owners and backers of this enterprise. We have not been in communication with them nor do we have any knowing, therefore we tag this piece of news the way it looked when it passed us.

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We are more than pleased to report that the Sunnybrook Mining Company, operating the old Keystone lease, under the very able management of Mr.

GRAND OPEN MEETING

W. O. W. OPERA HOUSE MARION, KENTUCKY.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, AT 7:30 P. M.

We will have with us on this occasion Sov. J. H. Brewer, Kentucky State Manager, and Sov. W. E. Cady, Indiana State Manager, and other speakers, who will talk of the benefits and objects of the W. O. W., the greatest of fraternal insurance orders.

AN ORCHESTRA WILL FURNISH MUSIC FOR THE OCCASION

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

Geo. Roberts of this place, has all the water pumped out of their mine. They also have taken out 30 feet of mud in the bottom and now propose to lift spar by October 1st. This mine is equipped with all of the latest machinery, two new boilers, air compressor, new hoist, two new Cameron pumps and everything that goes to make a good mine. This mine has been and will be one of the best producers in the district. The spar shows a wide vein at the bottom and in quality it equals that produced by the Memphis. Mr. Geo. Roberts was in full control and at one stage of the game of equipping this mine and getting the volume of water out he telegraphed New York for a Cameron pump to be shipped immediately by express. The express tolls amounted to \$112.00. Mr. Roberts has associated with him some Chicago people in this enterprise. This bit of information was not furnished by Mr. Roberts. He is one of the most retiring and bashful men in the field when the subject of his own properties and operations are under discussion. At such times getting information out of Geo. Roberts is like drawing a rusty 20 penny nail out of a seasoned oak plank.

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Mr. Geo. Cramer our noted Evangelist Mineral man had over 500 people in attendance at his meeting at the Tabb Mines last Sunday and then the next day, Monday, he mined and then the next day, Monday he mined and raised over 30 tons of

fluor spar. Brother Cramer endeavors to follow that part of the scriptures where it says "What thy hand finds to do, do it with all thy might." "He says it is needful to mix scripture and fluor spar, especially in this territory. He thinks this kind of mixing or fluxing has been neglected in the past.

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Mr. Richards of the American Mining Company operating a lease on the Mathews land near Francis, this county, left last week for St. Louis rather hurriedly. He writes it is a new girl Mary Jane. His wife and he will be back here as soon as convenient. Both mother and baby doing well.

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Mr. James Henry and Mr. Henry Butler well known mining men attended the State fair at Louisville last week. They went to Louisville primarily to interview Mr. Rice the tobacco man and see if they could obtain a lease on the Eaton property. We understand they secured this lease and will soon open up on this property that has lain idle so long. This is the property that Mr. Wesley Eaton sold to Rice and others for \$6,000.00 cash. The indications are that this will prove a good property.

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Mr. John Harpendening passed through here a day or two ago on his way to Memphis, Tenn., to meet some mining capitalists who want to buy or lease his lands near Memphis. They have struck it rich all

RALLY DAY PROGRAM AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY SEPT., 25.

To be a Great Day For the Members of the Methodist Sunday School, Every Preparation Being Made by the Teachers and Various Committees For a Successful, Happy Day

Song By School and Choir; Prayer; Responsive Reading from the Book of Psalms. Songs "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and Flag Salute; Greeting from the School, By Superintendent, T. H. Cochran. Greetings from the Church, By the Pastor, Rev. J. B. Adams. Vacation Echoes, By Jno. A. Moore. Song "Sunday School Army" By the School. The Home Department, By Mrs. Norfolk Moore. Cradle Roll and Beginners, By Mrs. H. K. Woods. The Juniors, By Mrs. C. E. Weldon. Song, By the Juniors. "Our Boys" By H. D. Pollard. Young Ladies Class, By Miss Nell Walker. "Our Girls" By Miss Florence Harris. Men's Bible Class, By J. N. Boston. Women's Bible Class, By H. A. Haynes. Organized Class for Young Men, By C. S. Nunn. Song, Offering, Distribution of Literature. Benediction, By Rev. J. B. Adams.

around his field and we understand he has been offered a large sum for his holdings.

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Mr. W. Murray Sanders owner of the LaRue and Miller mines, both zinc proposition, left last Saturday for Chicago.

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Mr. Ross Givens, owner of the Corn Mines has moved to Salem, so as to be near his work. Mr. Givens is one of the old timers in the mining game in this district. He has been interested in mining property in this county for a number of years. Like the Louisville people of the Commodore Mining Company Mr. Givens has displayed wonderful patience and nerve and held on to his property and believed in it until now his reward is coming to him in a substantial way. And after all that is what counts in any business under the sun. A man will invest \$10,000.00 in the dry-goods business and if he clears twenty per cent per year he thinks he has done well. Yet the same man will invest \$500. or \$1000.00 in the mining business in Crittenden county and expects to make \$10,000.00 or \$15,000.00 each and every year. Such business cannot be done in Crittenden county nor in any other mining district. Of course occasional strikes seem to prove the contrary, but they are not the rule. It takes as much sound business judgment to run a spar mine as it does to run a dry goods store, and it might pertinently be added that it takes as much money for one as the other.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY COMMITTEE

Called by Chairman M. F. Pogue to Meet Saturday, Sept. 24th, at Court House.

The Crittenden County Democratic Committee is hereby called to meet in Marion on Saturday, September 24th at one o'clock p. m. for the transaction of important business.

A full attendance of the Committee is earnestly requested. M. F. POGUE, Chairman. T. H. COCHRAN, Secretary.

Good Bro. Gibbs of Sheridan, preached at Deer Creek Sunday to a good congregation.

PADUCAH PRESBYTERY

The Paducah Presbytery will meet at the Southern Presbyterian church at Marion Tuesday, Oct. 4.

Dr. Burwell, one of the most noted Divines in the State will preach during the session, as will several others.

The ladies Missionary Union of the Paducah Presbytery will also convene on Wednesday Oct. 5.

A more extensive notice will appear next week.

A Beautiful Home at a Bargain.

We have a beautiful new home in the nice little town of Crayne for sale cheap. This home has 5 large rooms, 5 nice convenient closets, nice porches at front and back of house, good stable and other out buildings, splendid water, two additional lots adjoining, the whole embracing one acre on which is nice young orchard already bearing fruit with six bearing pecan trees. This home is going at a bargain. Write us at once if you want a bargain.

ROCHESTER & CALMES, Real Estate Agents, Marion, Ky.

Mr. Henry Hammack the popular salesman for the Belknap Hardware Co. of Louisville, took Misses Hortense Calmes, Anna Haynes and Clara Hammack on his trip to Shady Grove and Tribune last Saturday which proved a great treat to them.

REV. JAS. W. BIGHAM

Rev. Jas. W. Bingham, an erstwhile citizen of Marion, owning nice property here yet, now a resident of Ocala, Fla., is here on a visit to old friends and relatives. He is the oldest man living today, born in Marion, having been born two years after Crittenden was made a county. And yet, he is but 66 years old and looking much younger. We count him a well preserved, fine looking, if not handsome gentleman, with the sunlight of God's love beaming out from his face and very popular where ever he is known. His years rest lightly upon him and from his healthy appearance and sunny disposition he is likely to live to be a hundred years old. He is in Dawson at present to remain for a few days.

Dr. S. W. Paris, of Fulton was a visitor in Marion yesterday.